

- allan Benson wanted us to sponsor a performance of his "A Touch of Class" at Marian Hall in late October; we voted against it -- too expensive (\$500 for Benson) and (\$150 for the Hall) -- too risky, given our precarious financial position.
- the School Board wants to give us the Washington School. It's a white elephant that they are now trying to unload, and now we don't want it; a year ago we did but the building has been badly damaged in the past year. In addition, the Loftin Neighborhood Association has fallen apart.
- I delivered your letter to RJT. He mentioned the contents briefly. When are you arriving -- the 19th? Do you need a ride from Scranton? Just let me know.
- "Winter is a comin'" -- like the squirrels and the chipmunks, I am making preparations. A great deal of yard work has been done here at Elkdale -- you won't recognize the place.
- John Bubernick is back and is doing work in 302; the "Cube" has been dis-assembled.
- CHS&M annual meeting & dinner (at Squelkie's) on November 9, 1984
- Thank you for the two newspaper clippings -- "Cathedral Ceilings..." and "Crime Pays..."
- a photo of you and me appeared in the retrocolumn section of the Scrantonian two weeks ago. It's the photo taken by Bob Vente of you and me looking at the Hendrick Steam engine.
- RJT quit his job at the Independent. Hank's cousin, Ellen Loftin, a senior at CAHS, was killed in an auto accident on Friday night. Alcohol related, one says.
- Donald & Tina will not be getting married. Perhaps you knew that.

I trust that all is well in Academia. All is well here in the country.

Regards --  
J. Robert

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another neighbor introduced himself to me. at about 8:30 PM, as I was replying to John K's letter of 9-15-84, I heard a knock at the door. I went and a guy about 30 (?) was standing there. He asked for someone by name but I don't remember who he was looking for. He was to meet him at the Elkdale Baptist Church. I explained that the congregation had moved to West Clifford. My visitor understood immediately. He identified himself (we shook hands) as Bart (?) -- "the stone man from the top of the hill." He must mean Dundaff. He further added: "I have the little trailer there." Very friendly two-minute exchange. Perhaps Bart can provide me with a piece of flagstone for <sup>under</sup> my wood-burning stove. I shall have to make some inquiries.

10 P.M. - Howard telephoned to say that the CHS&M books have been balanced. Excellent. We only have a few hundred dollars left, but our coffers will be replenished with membership renewals. We need every cent we can get to pay off our debts at the Liberty and the First National Banks.